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**PLEASE NOTE: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002, THE USE OF DOMESTIC ELECTRONIC BID ENTRY SYSTEM (DEBES) WILL BE MANDATORY.**

**Please Note:**

**New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application, SF-129, Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) one week prior to bid opening (October 22, 2002) or your company may be considered non-responsible.**

FV-211

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: October 9, 2002

Fresh Apples (Pilot), Announcement FV-211, Invitation 026

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition programs and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by **1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, October 22, 2002**. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday, October 29, 2002. Deliveries are to be made from January 31, 2003, through April 30, 2003.

Offers are invited from the trade for 6,468 cases of fresh apples (pilot) in 37 lb. cartons to a shipping container.

**No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.**

**Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.** Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes> which translates into a connection of <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe>. Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-211, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated June 1999, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-211, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.



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Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV211  
 INVITATION : 026  
 COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH

PREFERENCE  
 CODES: RD-RED DELICIOUS  
 J -JONATHAN  
 M -MCINTOSH

COMM TYPE : 25 APPLES, GOLDEN DELICIOUS  
 PACK SIZE : 37 37 LB CARTON

ITEM NO	DESTINATION CITY	ST	TRANS RESTR	QUANTITY (CSE)	PRICE PER (CSE)	PREFERENCE 1 2 3
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DELIVERY PERIOD 01/31/03 - 04/30/03

001	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	1,848		RD J M
002	ALTOONA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	582		RD J M
	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	342		
003	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	924		RD J M
004	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK ONLY	628		RD J M
	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	296		
005	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	647		RD J M
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	277		
006	SUNBURY	PA	TRUCK ONLY	656		RD J M
	WILKES-BARRE	PA	TRUCK ONLY	268		

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE 6,468

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR INVITATION 6,468



Susan E. Proden  
 Contracting Officer

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